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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BM

SUBJECT: EXCESS AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) RANGOON 0111; (B) STATE 225049;

(C) CSAF 292044Z; (D) STATE 07754

1. REGRET APPARENT CONFUSION BETWEEN PRICE OF T-33S REFERRED TO IN REF B (RECONDITIONED USAF AIRCRAFT FOR \$140,000) AND THOSE OFFERED IN REF C. LATTER AIRCRAFT ARE OPERATIONAL USAF 5-33 S AND ARE AVAILABLE AT \$17,500 EACH ("AS IS, WHERE IS"); FINAL COST IS DEPENDENT ON TRANSPORTATION AND ANY REQUIRED MODIFICATION OR OVERHAULING COSTS. THIS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED PRICE WAS SUGGESTED IN PARA 1 REF D BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, DETAILS WERE NOT INCLUDED. IN ORDER FOR STATED PRICE TO REMAIN VALID, THE DECISION TO PURCHASE AIRCRAFT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO 30 APRIL 1975. OTHERWISE, AIRCRAFT FROM USAF INVENTORY WILL BE PLACED IN STORAGE RESULTING IN ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR PREPARATION AND POSSIBLE OVERHAUL. THE BAF
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MUST ALSO BE SPECIFIC IN THEIR REQUIREMENTS SINCE SEVERAL

OTHER COUNTRIES MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE SAME LOT OF AIRCRAFT.

2. WHILE THIS ADDITIONAL DATA MAY ELICIT BAF INTEREST, WE WISH TO CONFIRM THAT FMS SPARE PARTS SUPPORT FOR THESE AIRCRAFT WILL TERMINATE JANUARY 1, 1979. GIVEN CONTEXT OF LETTER FROM MARKS TO DIRECTOR OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES DATED JANUARY 8, HOWEVER, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT BAF IS INTERESTED IN TRAINING MORE PILOTS WITH T-33 FLYING PROFICIENCY. RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH USAF CHANNELS.

3. GUB MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK WHERE WE WAS SERVING AS MEMBER OF BURMESE DELEGATION TO UNGA, MAINTAINS DIRECT LIAISON WITH USAF AND ARMY FOR FMS AND OTHER PROCUREMENT AS NOTED (PARA 2, REF A). HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GUB AUTHORITIES DO NOT KEEP HIM INFORMED OF ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS LET ALONE PROJECTED BAF NEEDS. FOR EXAMPLE HE KNEW VIRTUALLY NOTHING ABOUT THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM UPON ARRIVAL, INCLUDING THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS INVOLVING SOME 24 PERSONNEL. OUR THOUGHT WAS THAT, IF AND WHEN THE BAF DECIDES TO OPT FOR THE USAF OPERATIONAL T-33S, THE ATTACHE BE AUTHORIZED TO SELECT THOSE SPECIFIC T-33 AIRCRAFT THE BAF MIGHT WANT FROM THOSE THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE .

4. IN MEANTIME, WE UNDERSTAND THAT DATA PROMISED IN RESPONSE TO REF D HAS BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH USAF CHANNELS.

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN RANGOON'S 0210 (PARA 9), EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DELAY CONVEYING ABOVE INFORMATION TO GUB UNTIL DECISION IS MADE HERE ON ITS PLANNED PURCHASE OF ARMORED CARS. KISSINGER

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